

THE
TERRÆ FILIUS'S
 SPEECH,

As it was to have been Spoken at the
 PUBLICK ACT,
 IN THE
 THEATRE in OXFORD.

*Omne animi vitium tanto conspectius in se,
 Crimen habet, quanto qui peccat major habetur.*

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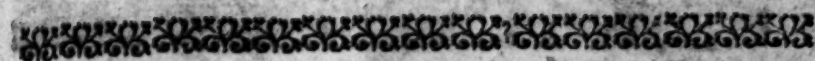
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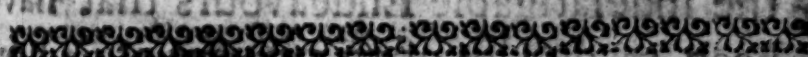


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According to the Poet,

Let the Poet's Verse go free.

[Price Six-Pence.]

And every one knows, that

Can no more be said than this.



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THIS is to acquaint the Publick, that the Grave and Learned Dons of the famous University of OXFORD, knowing themselves too deserving of the LASH, have procur'd the Suppression of this SPEECH at Oxford, as it was intended to have been publickly Spoken: We have therefore oblig'd the Publick with an authentick Copy of it, notwithstanding the indefatigable Endeavours that have been made Use of to prevent it. For, according to the Poet,

— *Let the stricken Deer go weep.*

And every one knows, that

Conscia mens recti famæ mendacia ridet.





T H E
TERRÆ FILIUS'S
S P E E C H.



EVEREND and RIGHT
REVEREND FATHERS,
and You the rest that com-
pose this *Honourable As-*
sembly (whether You profess Divinity,
Law or Physick ; for I believe most of
you *profess* more than you *practise*,
whether you have taken any *Degree* or
no *Degree*, tho' a very small *Degree*
of Goodness I fear is to be found a-
mongst you all) we are here conven'd to
set forth in a *true Light*, and *illustrate*
the *Actions* of our Worthy *Governors*,
and *Preceptors* : But what shall we say
when it is to be fear'd a Man will never
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be so much in the *Dark*, as when he attempts to *illustrate* on this Subject ; A Subject in which is contain'd such a Scene of *dark* Deeds, as must make the most *Brazen* of you Gentlemen blush (although you belong to *Brazen-Nose* College) if it were possible to bring them all to *Light* ? ---- But where to begin I am at a Loss, since every *Object*, that presents itself, affords ample Matter for *Reproof* ---- But since the *Truth* must out, --- e'en let it go.

Imprimis then ; but hold, *Imprimis* is a *Latin* Word, and I am afraid if I speak in *Latin* a great many of you won't understand me. To speak *English*, in the first Place, A Venerable Form presents itself to my View, Venerable for Age if not for Wisdom ; Hail, *miltred* Hog ! was thy Paunch so full that thou couldst not evacuate any other way, than by bestowing thy Favours on *Charming Eighteen* ? How well does sapless *Seventy* and buxom *Eighteen* agree ? Much art thou, REVEREND
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PRELATE to be commended for thy great *Condescension*, since you married so young a Creature, to be sure, for no other Reason *than to instruct her in the right Way*. What shall we compare you to, VENERABLE Sir? Or to what may you be liken'd? You far surpass any of mortal Race, therefore shall be the Emblem of a *Deity* (I mean of an *Aegyptian* Deity, for I have heard say they worshipp'd Leeks)

*In thee the Emblem of a Leek is seen,
Grey tho' your Head be, still your Tail is Green,*

And so, Sir, to shew my great Respect for you, I have taken my Leave of you in Verse, for

Dignum laude Virum Musa vetat mori.

The Muse immortalizes the Man that is Praise-worthy.

Next to the B---p follows the Dean, tho' not of the same *Diocess*, yet of the same *College*. See where the *Young Upstart* struts with the Verger before him; well worthy must this REVEREND

DOCTOR be of his high *Dignity*, since to promote the *Excise Scheme* was his sole MERIT, whereby he attained such ample Preferment: Now he may cease to *preach*, and *print* in Favour of the C---t, unless the Hopes of *Lawn Sleeves* should again inspire his mercenary Pen.

Proceed we next to the egregious W---d of *Wad-m*, a Gentleman of the same *Kidney* as his Brother *Dean*. How well would the long-look'd for *Mitre* grace his awful Head? Doctor, shall I ask you a Question; *An Expectatio vel fruitio melior?* As to the former, doubtless you may speak very well on *Expectation*, because you have long waited for a *Bishoprick*; but I fear you will never be able to speak experimentally of the latter, that is, *Fruition*; because I believe you will *never enjoy one*: But however, this you can resolve me, Whether your *Backside* is in right Tune again to ride Post to Sir R---, if there should be a Vacancy,
as

as they say you did once, and lost so much *Leather*, as well as *Time* (which to you, to be sure, must be very valuable) that you have yet hardly recover'd yourself? *Poor Gentleman!* may better Success attend your next *Voyage*; you know best whether you are next *Oars*.

Long, little P---- of T----y, hast thou expected the *Lash*, and screen'd thyself for Fear behind thy *barrel-gutted* Fellows? Say, Ought not the *Cornuted Stone-cutter* to have occupied his Talant on thee, for that abundant Complaisance you paid his Wife before his Death? And ought not your own Prudence to be highly extolled, first to *sh-t* in your Hat, and then to put it on your own *Head*? Long may we live happy together, blest with *Collegiate Honours*, but take Care Mr. --- does not serve you in your own Kind.

The worthy H--d, and Men of *Baliol*
I mean *Belial*, for I believe it should
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be so spelt, since they are wicked enough to deserve that Title) are the next that demand our Attention. What *Sage Instructors* of Youth are you, since by your extraordinary *Mulcts* and *Fines* you teach them the *rediest* and *surest Way* to spend their Money, and therefore it cannot be deny'd, that if they *improve* nothing by you (which 'tis to be fear'd they don't much) yet you *improve* by them. If I ask you a fair Question, I know you won't answer me ; and that is, What Addition did you receive to your Fellowships last Year from sconcing and pinching poor Under Graduates? A Man might think your House a *Purgatory*, since you take your Scholars *Money* to pray for their *Souls* if he was not experimentally convinced. You never frequent *Chapel* yourselves unless your *Office* constrains you to it. --

Next for the *Jacobite Topers* of *St John's*. How many Bottles of humming double *Coll.* did you drink out the last Tenth of *June*? I warrant you
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 in ;

twig'd till you were each as drunk as
 David's Sow, from the P---- to the
 Servitors: You had better call a House,
 and agree to cut down Part of *Bagley-*
Wood, and sell the Timber to maintain
 your *Children*, than spend it in the
 Manner you do. --- But stay; Faith,
 GRAVE DONS, I ask ten thousand Par-
 sons, you are, or should be, all Bat-
 chelors; and as all Artists must *answer*
Under-Bachelor before they can take
 Degree, so no doubt but many a pret-
 ty Girl have *answer'd* under you. But,
 Gentlemen, you must pardon me, for
 present I am but a blunt Fellow.

Worcester would deserve my Com-
 mendation, had it one good *Quality* to
 commend it, but they are all so con-
 founded Stupid, from the P--- to the
Kitchen-Scullion, that it may be said
 of them, as it was in good King *Al-*
fred's Days, There could not be found
 a Priest between the *Humber* and the
Severn that could read the Service in
 Latin; There can't be found one in
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Worcester who can easily read it in *English*, much less in *Latin*. Your Servant, Gentlemen of *Worcester*; think I have said a great deal in your Praise, since you follow the Example of the *primitive Fathers*, who (before the Confusion of Languages at *Babel*) spake but one *Tongue over the Face of the whole Earth*.

From hence let us take a Trip to the Walls founded by *William of Wickham*. Here is a College govern'd by a *Coxhead*, and I believe a *Coxcomb*. Mr. *W--d-n*, your humble Servant: Have you been able to pay off your *Vintner's Bill* yet for *French Wine* and *Arrack Punch*, with which you hir'd your mercenary *Fellows* to vote for you? Here is a blessed Seminary of Learning govern'd by a *Boy*, who was elected by *Boys*. Could the *Pious Founder* peep out of his *Grave*, and see the *Riots* and *Revellings* here transacted, he would heartily repent of his Charity. How true is that Saying, *Golden School*

lars, *Silver Batchelors*, and *Leaden Masters*. But Mr. Chancellor of B--l, I hope no Offence, (though you now have relinquish'd your Fellowship, yet you are not ashamed to own from whence you receiv'd your Education) how came Mr. *Coxhead* to cut you out? What a prodigious Loss was it to the College that you was not elected *W--den*? Certainly you would have wrought a thorough Reformation in them, and by this Time have made them all as stanch *Whigs* as yourself: B---d---w tutor'd you, and you would have instructed them; there would have been rare *Anti-Monarchical Principles*, the Members by this Time would have been taught the *Legality* of taking up Arms against their Sovereign, and would have thought it highly commendable to have dethron'd him on every trivial Occasion, and beheaded him, as their brave Fore-fathers have done one of his Royal Ancestors.

Since we are so near *Queen's*, I should willingly step in, but am afraid of having an *Aristotle*, or old *Crackanthorp* thrown at me for disturbing the Gentlemen at their Study. Pray keep in your sturdy *Bull-Dogs*, and suffer them not to fall on an *Innocent Man*. I submit, Gentlemen, and do not pretend to repeat *Aristotle* by Heart, as some of you (to give you your Due) do, but I fear understand little besides: This I am sure of, you have no Knowledge of Good-manners. Imperious, haughty Fellows of *Queen's* ! proud even to a Proverb ; all of beggarly Extraction, though now commenced petty Tyrants : How despicable are you Abroad ? How Arbitrary within your own Walls, like Cocks on their own Dunghills ? So true is the Saying of the excellent *Biographer*, *Exhumile loco eVecti plerumque ferociunt ;* *Ibani Men of the meanest Extraction, when they come in Power, commonly prove the most Cruel.* May I be allowed to
give

give an Example of the Politeness of Queen's Men; all that know Queen's, knows that Incomparable Mr. G----, one of the Senior Fellows. This Gentleman some time ago had the Honour of a Visit from certain Ladies of Quality; they found him, at their Entrance, incumber'd with Books; the Gentleman (to shew his Manners) offer'd to stir, but still kept poring on, which occasioned one of the Ladies that knew him, to take the Liberty of asking the rest to sit. Well; Mr. G-----, how do you do? Don't you see we are come to make you a Visit? Women, avaunt! replies the unmannerly Don, or solve me the Sixth Proposition in *Euclid*. But they, resolv'd to plague him, still chatter'd on. The Sophist, finding he could no ways avoid the Interruption, threw aside his Books in a Passion, took his black Pipe that he had constantly smoked in for two Years, and was resolv'd to meditate, since they would not let him read; with his Eyes fix'd on the Ceiling, he sits like a senseless Log:

at last, the Spirit moves him to seize gently the Lady's Hand that sate next him : She over-joy'd at the Turn, hoping something else besides Smoak would come out of his Mouth, willingly surrender'd her Hand. But, alas ! how was she mistaken, when instead of a Kiss, or a Panegyrick on the Whiteness of her Hand, he takes one of her Fingers and *stops his Pipe with it*. The Lady, feeling the Heat of the Fire, cries out, You burn my Finger, Sir. The sage Don stares, and utters these Words, being the Pink of Complaisance ; *Indeed, Madam, I thought it had been my Tobacco-Stopper.* --- Another of these polite Gentlemen lighting some Ladies home that had paid him a Visit, lost in Thought, I suppose, or dreaming he was surrounded by his *Poor Children*, cries out in a Passion to the Lady next him ; Here, hold my Lanthorn, for I want to evacuate my Water ; *that is, to piss.* Courteous Fellows of *Queen's* ; may you from hence-

henceforth learn *Manners*, as well as *Greek* and *Latin*.

I would willingly next pay a Visit to *All-Souls*, if I could find it out; it us'd to stand on the Right-Hand above *Queen's*, but if we may judge from the Resort of its Members, we should guess it to be translated over the Way, and that the *Three Tuns* Tavern was *All-Souls* College, did not the Effigies of the Good Archbishop over the Door convince us to the contrary. Within these Walls inhabit your *Smarts*, your *Gallant Gentlemen*, who have *debauch'd* more Girls than they have read Books. Here are to be found your *Bene nati*, Men born with every Thing but Brains; your *Mediocritor docti*, that is *Blockheads*, for I believe, upon strict Examination, it may be so translated; your *Optime vestiti*, *Beaus* that have fine Cloaths, rustling Silk Gowns, and nothing else; that are as fit to pass Examination for a Fellowship, as *Caligula's* Horse was for a *Senator*, or Pope you know

know who was for a *Cardinal*, or the present D--n of C---t Church for a Bishop. What prodigious hard Students these Gentlemen are ! What mere Book-Worms may be *smelt*, as well as seen, since the Stench that proceeded from a dead Cat, starv'd to Death in their Library, is a sensible Proof of what I say ! Of what great Service was it then to them, that Colonel ----- left his Library to them, since they make such a *fragrant* as well as *flagrant* Use of it ? No wonder what could induce one of the present worthy Members for the University of *Oxford* to build a fine House for their W--d--n after his Death, and design them sole Executors of his Will, since they are such promising Youths, and likely to make so good a Use of his Charity ? Their extensive Capacity and Manhood towards the fair Sex, may be gather'd from the Motto engraven on a late Fruit-Woman's Piece of Plate which she presented them with, *viz.* Nulla dies sine Linea, *No Day without a S--ke*; and so 'tis to

to be hoped she will have her Belly full of that same. This is, Collegium Omnium Animalium, *All-Souls College*. They are *All Souls* indeed, but by their sensual Way of Life, you would think them to be *All Bodies* and no *Souls* at all. This, however, is certain, that they take more Care of their Bodies than they do of their Souls.

We must not pass by that celebrated Mansion, which receives its Name from the Friar's Brazen Nose affix'd to the Gate. Hail, Sacred Place! where *Bacon* improv'd so much that he became a Conjuror. But I presume he was the first, and will be the last that shall ever be esteemed so; for take them from Top to Bottom, you won't find one *Conjuror* amongst them all now. But however, if none of them since him have imbib'd a sufficient Stock of Learning to commence *Conjurors*, yet I am sure they have Impudence enough to commence any thing; and if they do not inherit *Bacon's* Vir-
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tues, yet so great is the Magick of his *Brazen Nose*, that it infects the Members of it with *Brazen Faces* ever since; What else can induce the worthy P--- to pun over his Bottle in his Brother's Words? But you may say, What is that to me if he has no Learning, his Brother has, and that is all one? That I deny, Good Sir, because it must be allow'd, 'tis best for every Man to stand on his own Bottom; the Doctor, like a Parrot can rehearse by Rote what he has been taught, and can talk Politicks as well as any Man, after his Brother has lectur'd him; therefore the Doctor is like the Moon. How so? A very odd Comparifon. Why, because the Moon has no Light but what it borrows from the Sun, so the Doctor has no Wit but what he borrows from his Brother: Again, If one Smile won't serve your Turn, take another; the Doctor is like the Jack-Daw in the Fable, who strutted in borrowed Feathers. If you think this last is more *apropos* than the first, I

am contented. Learned Gentlemen of *Brazen-Nose*, may a Man with Impunity be allow'd to give a modest Reason, why your College comes to engross so many good Livings? Because you have no Merit of your Own to deserve any Preferment, and therefore think it the wisest Way to buy up all the Advowsons you can meet with; and when they are thus possess'd by a Pack of B--heads, no one can pretend to a Superior Right since all deserve alike. Who can say then, that the Fellows of *Brazen-Nose* ar'n't all *Conjurers*, since they know how to secure the best Preferments to themselves, which is more than the rest of their Brethren of other Colleges can effect?

Lincoln comes next in Turn; but what can we say of *Lincoln* more than this? That it always was, and always will be, under the D---l's Inspection. To what Purpose did *Durham's* Bishop leave you such large Legacies, if

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they are no better applied? Better had the charitable Prelate left his Riches to his Relations, than to an ungrateful College. What Good has *L-----n* ever produc'd since *L---p---on* slept? Would *J---m* tread in *M---ly's* Steps, it might again retrieve its Honour, and emerge out of its present Obscurity: But whilst the Bed is prefer'd to Prayers, what Discipline can be expected: If the Pastor goes astray, the Sheep to be sure will quickly follow? Noted are the Fellows of *Lincoln* for nothing but their Laziness, yet we will strain hard to give you a Specimen of their Wisdom. One of these grave Dons amus'd himself with a favourite Cat, for the Sake of which, he order'd a Hole to be cut through his Chamber-Door, that pretty Puss might have free Ingress and Regress; this Beauty conceiv'd, to the great Joy of its Master, and brought forth some handsome Kittens. Old *Conundrum* overjoy'd, communicates the good News to one of his Brethren, and told him withal,
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that he had but one Thing now to trouble him, and that was, as now he had more Cats than one, and had but one Hole cut in his Door, he must be oblig'd to make more, that the little Cats might go out and in, whereby he was afraid of taking Cold. Why, Brother, replies his Friend, won't one Hole serve them all? I am much obliged to you, answered the stupid old Don, for extricating me out of this Difficulty, for now I shall preserve my Health, and have the Pleasure of my Cats too, without any Inconveniency. A rare Specimen, indeed, of the *Lincoln Wits*.

Methinks, I scent toasted Cheese; sure we are upon the *Welsh* Borders. See the Fabrick tounded by Queen *Elizabeth*, for the jolly *Cambro-Britons*. Mark well the Scrubbing-Post, that comfortable Relief to the itching Back. Here are your Heroes that vanquish Bargemen, and carry off the dead Bodies in Triumph to be anat-

miz'd, tho' they understand nothing of Anatomy themselves, yet they are willing the rest of the World should; and I am sure that's a good natur'd Action. Hur can Kick and Cuff if hur can't Dispute: Hur understands *Argumentum Baculinum* very well, and has this to say, That when hur leaves College, hur understands much more than hur did when hur left her nown Country, for, perhaps, by that Time, hur can spell hur own Name and write *English*, and that is more than Father and Mother Brother or Sister can do at Home. And so merry *Taffies*, I leave you, wishing you could as soon leave your Scrubba-do behind you, as you do good Sense and Learning, when you retreat into your own Country.

Unfortunate *Exeter*! how shall I mention you? Still destin'd to be govern'd by old Women; no sooner drop'd *Matthew*, but worse succeeded. So true is that Proverb, That *after the old one's gone seldom comes a better*.

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You can't be said now to be Priest-ridden I am sure (though you have enough of them, 'tis true in your College) but have submitted to a more ignoble Yoke. Say, what could induce you to elect your present Rector? Perhaps, as he is lately returned from his Travels, you thought he could instruct you in foreign Modes and Fashions; and faith, I believe, he is more able and willing to teach you them, than any real Good. I believe no one will reap any Benefit from this Gentleman's high Station but the fair *China-Woman*, who now will have a more pleasing and vigorous Combatant in Love to cope with, than shrivel'd *Matthew* was. Learn first, Worthy Rector, to govern yourself, and then you will be the better able to govern your College.

I had almost overlook'd *Pembroke*, and I think it would have signify'd but little, since it is not worth looking into, or looking upon: But shall we forget

forget the Place where the *Author of University Education* reigns. Here's a pompous *Title-Page* to a Book (and I really commend the Doctor for it) because there is nothing in it besides. Says *Abstemious Don*, Have you never transgressed your own Rules? Never exceeded a Two-penny Commons, and a Half-penny Small for Dinner or Supper? How came the Cook then to convey every Night, privately, into your own Apartment, a cold Fowl or Neat's-Tongue, with a Bottle or two of good Wine to stuff your Maw with in secret, and yet when he dines in publick a very little Matter will suffice him. Faith, Doctor, I hate an Hypocrite; *Eat and Gorge*, and get *Drunk* publicly, as the rest of your Brother *Sculls* do: The Pain you feel from a *craving Appetite* must far surpass that secret Satisfaction you pretend to receive, from being esteemed a Man of Wonderful *Temperance and Sobriety*.

Pass we on next to *Oriel* : And what is here to be seen ? Why, all Sorts of Men, except *wise Men*, yet are they all *wise* enough in their *own Conceit* — But if these Gentlemen are esteem'd deficient, their Neighbours of *Corpus* can abundantly supply them. They pretend to resemble even the Almighty himself, who *is no Respector of Persons*, when in their Elections they would be thought to regard neither High or Low, Rich or Poor, but the Lad of the most Merit always carries the Day. And, perhaps, we might allow it, were they not all so confoundedly in Debt, that a Mercer's or Taylor's Bill soon scares them out of their *pious Resolutions*. Therefore 'tis these chuse the Scholars of *Corpus*, and not their own Fellows.

We say nothing of the *Merton Lollards*, because nothing good is to be said of *them*.

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Let us turn away our Eyes then from such a *Stupid Generation*, and fix them on an *Object* that deserves our Regard. Now for *Tropes* and *Figures* and all the Flourishes of *Rhetorick* to celebrate this *egregious Man*. Had we *Demosthenes's* Genius, or *Tully's* Eloquence, both might be display'd on this Subject. Hail, *Illustrious Publick Orator* of the *University of Oxford*! Hail, *Egregious C----*! You dispel all the dark Mists of *Calumny* and *Slander*, which envious Men endeavour to bespatter you with, as the *Sun* does the *Clouds* in its *Meridian Altitude*. You thunder out *Fustian*, soar aloft in *Bombast*, and excel all that ever went before you; now, especially you dwell in *Ætherial Mansions* among the *Gods*, and tread on *Stars*, drink *Nectar* and *Ambrosia* till you are as *Boreas*, as you commonly are with your own *Terrestrial Ale*.

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The last that claims our Observation, is, the Great *Hurlothrumbo*, with his *Myrmidons*. You will pardon me, Gentlemen, for placing you *last*, who might very well have demanded the first Place, since you are the most *useful Subjects* that his Majesty has in that celebrated Place. If they are not serviceable in the *Republick of Letters*, yet they are in *another Way*, since, should there be a War, and need any *Recruits*, the *Fellows* of *Magdalen* could with Pleasure furnish his Majesty with a compleat *Regiment of Horse*, all of their own *begetting*.

These Gentlemen of *Maudlin*, are always *Maudling*, and therefore no wonder they are always prepared for the *Delights of Venus*; should these, and their Brethren of *St. John's* join Forces, doubtless, they would be able to bring a stronger Body of Forces into the Field, all of their own Progeny,

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than our present *Standing Army* consists of, therefore are they dangerous Subjects as well as useful. Here you may see *little Brats* every Morning at the Buttery-Hatch, calling for hot Loaves and Butter in their *Papa's Name*.

Above all, let me commend the Ingenious Mr. --, who some Time ago resign'd his Fellowship in Favour of his eldest Son, having tasted the Delights of Marriage, and the Sweets of a senior Fellowship for sixteen Years together without Mistrust. Here is Prudence in Perfection, to see the Son *fix'd* before the Sire quits his Hold. An Example well worthy the Imitation of the rest of that *Learned Society*: A Precedent which, no doubt, will be quickly put in Practice.

Thus, most *Learned* and *Judicious* *Sirs*, I have endeavour'd to display the several *Talents* and *Excellencies* which the Sons of our bright *Alma-Mater* possess

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